

MEMORANDUM REPORT

November 2, 2016

TO: Honorable Mayor Larry Johnson
& Taylorsville City Council Members

FROM: Morris K. Pratt – President, on behalf of Tri-Park Services, Inc. dba Taylorsville Food Pantry

Ladies & Gentlemen,

We are grateful for this opportunity to provide an updated report for the Taylorsville Food Pantry for your review. To start off with, here are a few facts that might be interesting to you:

- Tri-Park Services Inc was originally incorporated in 2004 and is about to celebrate over 12 years of service to the Taylorsville Community. It was awarded a non-profit 501c,3 status shortly after formation and continues to operate as such.
- The initial intent of the organization was formed to provide food assistance for the fixed income and elderly residents located in the Monte Vista, Majestic Oaks and Majestic Meadows Mobile Home Communities, which is how we got our name of Tri-Park Services Inc.
- The original Food Pantry was in a very small room/closet located in the clubhouse of the Majestic Meadows Mobile Home Community, until the building we are now in was constructed. In short time, we were given more room in the building to accommodate for the ever-growing needs of the community and officially began offering assistance to the entire City of Taylorsville and its residents.
- We are grateful for the services over the course of our existence from the Travis, Barlow, Burgoyne and Caballero families who have helped keep the facility operative for so many years.
- We have five residents of Taylorsville who serve on our Board of Directors and currently operate the Pantry. In alphabetical order, they are Tiffany Diaz, Sue Lane, Tammy Parkinson, Morris K. Pratt and Virginia Watts. Although we are only officially open 6 hours per week or 24 hours per month, most of the Directors provide up to 45 hours of service per month. In addition, we have an extensive list of one time and regular volunteers who also provide many hours of service in the efforts of helping those who come to the facility for assistance.

As you know, the majority of our cash funding comes from a CDBG Grant administered by The City of Taylorsville and frankly without it we would be forced to close down. We also receive other various cash donations from the Caldwell Banker Foundation who has pledged \$3000 this year. We were also recently visited by a couple from Vermont who has family in the city and wanted to "give back" to the community with a \$1000.00 donation. We also have received other donations to assist with any shortfalls we have of food and other related purchases. By way of explanation, we are not allowed to purchase food or other staple items with the CDBG money, so the unencumbered donations are every helpful in that regard.

Naturally we are also very grateful for the supply of food provided by the Utah Food Bank. We also receive a portion of our food supply from Grocery Stores, Youth Groups, Religious Organizations, Company Sponsorships and Residents of Taylorsville. As with the CDBG Grant, we would have to close down without these donations so again, we are truly grateful for them. As usual, this year we do not know if we are going to have a supply of turkeys or ham to give out, so we will most likely use unencumbered funds to get what we can. We have also experienced shortages over the years which is of concern as well.

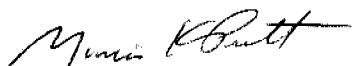
This past year has not been without its share of challenges that range from computer issues, new reporting and operational requirements and various other things, but we have managed to weather the storms and continue to provide good service and a higher level of quality products to our patrons. We have purchased a new computer system and software program specific to the industry that operates live with the recent internet service provided by the city. We are very proud of the fact that the facility is very clean and organized and we invite you to visit the Pantry as time will allow.

During the first fiscal quarter of last year (07-01-2015 to 09-30-2015) we provided help to 467 different households or a total of 1489 individuals in extremely low, very low, low and moderate incomes. They came from seven groups of ethnicity.

For the first fiscal quarter of this year (07-01-2016 to 09-30-2016) we provided help to 578 different households or a total of 1883 individuals with similar demographics as last year. We feel that the increase was a result of three things. First, the needs of residents and possible increase in population, second by the number of patrons who came to the facility as homeless or who live outside the boundaries of Taylorsville and third our grocery giveaway program where the quality of food is expanded. By way of explanation, we know people are hungry and destitute, so when someone comes for the first time and does not have proof of residency, we provide a small amount of assistance and advise them of other locations and that they cannot come back in the future. Most are understanding, but in order to comply with grant rules and requirements, we must primarily serve the residents of Taylorsville.

As always, we welcome donations and volunteer help year-round because the feeling of hunger to those in need has no season. Please never hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have now or in the future. My cell number is 801-243-2906 or email at morriskpratt@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Tri-Park Services Inc.
dba Taylorsville Food Pantry



Morris K. Pratt
President